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**Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad.**

Schedule in effect May 21, 1899.

TRAINS LEAVE FREDERICKSBURG.

Leave Northward.

5:12 A. M. Daily.

5:42 A. M. Daily except Sunday, local to Quantico only.

6:08 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

6:38 A. M. Daily except Sunday. Does not stop between Fredericksburg and Quantico.

7:28 P. M. Daily.

Leave Southward.

4:05 A. M. Daily, stops only at Millford, Dowling and Ashland, week days. Makes all local stops Sunday.

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**Local and Current Comments.**

Mr. W. D. Foster is quite sick at his home, Fosterville, in Stafford.

Mr. J. D. Ray is confined to his home by an attack of rheumatism.

Miss Ida Magruder is the guest of Mrs. Downman at her home, "Idlewild."

Mrs. D. A. Garber, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. P. Rowe.

George Hilder died at the poor house in Spotsylvania Thursday of Bright's disease, aged 80 years.

Capt. M. J. Dimmock's family are at "Idlewild," the home of Mrs. Downman, near the city.

There was no quorum present at the Council chamber Friday night and the regular meeting for July was not held.

Beautiful gingham, figured piques, check muslin, dotted muslin and wash goods of all kinds now being opened at E. T. Baker's.

Mrs. J. W. Ball is visiting her son and daughter, in Washington. Before leaving she will also visit Baltimore and Bay Ridge.

Mrs. John W. Stone, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. O. W. Edington, returned to her home in Washington Sunday.

Every lady should have one of our Olympia sailor hats, the latest style for outings. T. N. Brent's Millinery Department.

Miss Mamie Boatwright, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. E. Jones, left Saturday for her home in Newport News.

Mrs. W. S. Embrey and daughters, Misses May and Maud, with their friend, Miss McNaughton, of Philadelphia, are at Atlantic City.

Superintendent of Schools B. P. Willis, wife and child left last Saturday to visit Mrs. W. A. Foster, Professor G. M. Harris, in Culpeper county.

Lieut. Robert S. Knox arrived here yesterday and will open a recruiting station for enlisting volunteers in the office opposite The Free Lance.

Quite a number of the teachers who attended the Normal remained until yesterday when they left by steamer and others by rail so that but few are here now.

It is stated that over 100 merchants and professional men will be summoned before court in Newport News to show cause why they should not be fined for doing business without a license, having failed to pay up for the year beginning May 1st.

Take care of your eyes. The organ of sight is a delicate one. Many persons, not appreciating this, use cheap spectacles, which often injure the sight. Hawkes will preserve it. They are clear, brilliant and perfect. All eyes fitted at Hall's Drug Store.

Mr. L. Ashton Dodd, son of Mr. A. B. Dodd, of Stafford, was a student in the High School at Morrisville, Fauquier county, for three months this past spring, and who has attended the Summer Normal here during the past four weeks, returned home Saturday.

Rappahannock Baptist Association will convene tomorrow at Rappahannock church, in Richmond county. Rev. A. T. Lyon, of Stafford, left by steamer yesterday afternoon to attend. After the association he will assist Rev. G. W. Beale in a series of revival services in that county.

At the Manassas Horse Show Mr. Telford, of New York, who has a stock farm in Maryland, sold his head of thoroughbred mares, horses and colts. They brought ridiculously low prices. Among the best sold was a mare and colt which was purchased by Mr. G. T. Boulware, of Caroline county. The pedigree of both is very fine.

The Fredericksburg Ice Company are putting in the machinery at their plant on Water street near the Kim factory. All work entrusted to me will be done in a thoroughly satisfactory manner, and in the quickest time possible. Plans and specifications furnished for any building work.

F. P. STEARNS, Contractor and Builder.

**S. Sydney Bradford,**

The only licensed REAL ESTATE AGENT AND AUCTIONEER in Fredericksburg, Va., having complied with the laws and regulations of the City and State governing the same, is now ready to list property of all classes. All real estate entrusted to me for sale will be well described and thoroughly advertised. Easy terms.

Office 908 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, Va.

A Sugar Plant Here.

The Richmond correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, under date of 21st, says: "Those interested in establishing a sugar plant at Fredericksburg called upon the Commissioner today. Their prospects, these gentlemen say, give every assurance that they will be able in a short time to carry out their scheme successfully."

Special Excursion to Chautauqua, N. Y., July 28th, 1899.

For the excursion train leaving Washington at 7:05 A. M. on July 28th, we will sell tickets on July 27th, and for the 5:12 A. M. train on the 28th, at \$12.00 for the round trip. Limit, for return August 28th, 1899.

O. C. Cox, Agent.

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The Battlefields Park

The Washington correspondent of the Richmond Times in his letter writes:

"The report of the board appointed to inspect the battlefields around Fredericksburg with a view to the establishment of a national park has been practically completed. This will be transmitted to Congress. Although the nature of the report is withheld, it is an absolute certainty that the board recommends the carrying out of the project."

He is now Capt. Newbill.

Captain Willard D. Newbill, Thirty-fourth Infantry, United States Volunteers, recently appointed, with rank from July 5, 1898, has been ordered to proceed to Fort Logan, Col., and report in person to his regimental commander for duty.

Capt. Newbill is a graduate of West Point, and was lieutenant in the regular army. He is a fine officer, and son of Dr. W. J. "Newbill, of Irvington, Va.

The Sick.

The condition of Mr. Dandridge Pitts is about the same. There is but little, if any, change for the better.

Mrs. Holser was thought to be slightly better yesterday.

Mrs. J. N. Barney is improving.

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**STAFFORD.**

Notes of General Interest.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Stafford Court House, Va., July 24th, 1899.

Mr. Geo. W. Truflow has a cat of the Thomas variety which seems to be gifted with more than the proverbial nine lives. Recently, during the present heated term, this Thomas took a header down the well, 72 feet deep, but whether in search of a bath or accidentally this chronicler saith not. As soon as his predicament was discovered a basket was attached to the chain and lowered to the water. Thomas crawled into it, was hauled to the surface, much bedraggled and wet, but unharmed.

A drought has set in throughout the county, very much to the injury of growing crops.

Mr. S. Ashby Jones and family, of Washington, D. C., are spending a week with the family of Clerk C. A. Bryan.

Messrs. Norman Dent, N. W. Jones and Newman Knight have returned from Newport News, where they exerted to last week. To hear them talk about what they saw would make people think they had taken a tour through Europe.

Doctor Cummings gave a sociable at his residence Saturday night.

Mr. Duff Gill is reported sick with fever at his residence, near Garrisonville.

Mr. D. W. Curtis is erecting a residence on the Telegraph road one mile above the Court House.

The rebuilding of the rectory (Episcopal) is progressing favorably under the direction of Mr. Emmett Wilkerson, contractor.

Apples and other fruits seem to be in great abundance throughout the county, but thus far our correspondent has not seen a single peach.

Crabs are in great plenty in Aquia Creek.

R. A. Moncre, Esq., was called to the bedside of his mother, Mrs. J. A. W. Kendall, last week. Mrs. K. resides in Louisa county and had been taken seriously ill.

Jan. A. Moncre, Esq., (Kearns), spent Wednesday night at this place the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Brent.

Mr. J. W. Hanes, who has been seriously ill, is thought to be better.

The corps of railroad engineers are very active about here, but, although pumped to a great extent, nothing of a definite nature can be gotten from them.

Democratic candidates for the Legislature thus far—Messrs. Jas. Ashby, G. B. Wallace, C. J. Henry, Richard Moncre and T. W. Berry.

Scriber.

Death of Major W. H. Russell.

Major W. H. Russell, one of our aged and highly esteemed citizens, after a lingering illness, borne with marked patience and resignation, died Sunday night about 12 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Irene McDowell, on Main street.

He was born in Bedford, Pa., November 24, 1825, and was the son of Hon. James McPherson Russell, a member of Congress from that district. The deceased went to college at Washington, Pa., and was a class mate there with his first cousin, James G. Blaine.

After leaving college he engaged in the dry goods business in the same place, which he successfully conducted until 1852, when he moved to Wheeling, W. Va., (then Virginia), where he engaged in the glass business, which he prosecuted until 1858. In 1858 he was married in Louisiana to Miss Edie M. Shriver, daughter of Jacob S. Shriver, of that State.

After going out of the glass business he, with others, formed the iron firm of Dewey, Vance & Co., in Wheeling, of which he remained a member until he came to Fredericksburg, in 1866, and engaged in the same business, as a member of the firm of Knox & Co. This partnership continued for several years, and after its dissolution he conducted the same business himself for some time. For a short while he was connected with Mr. John T. Knight in the brick business in Washington, D. C.

For several years he and Mr. A. B. Botts conducted the dry goods business here under the firm name of Russell & Botts. After severing his connection with this firm on March 1, 1877, he purchased the hardware stock of J. J. Berrey and conducted this business himself, until a few years ago when he associated with him his son, Mr. D. S. Russell, under the firm name of W. H. Russell & Son, of which firm he was a member when he died.

Major Russell received the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, in 1867. For thirty-two years he has held membership in that lodge, and attained to the high office of Master of the Lodge. In 1872 he received the chapter degrees in Fredericksburg Chapter No. 23, and was an active participant in the affairs of the chapter until infirmity prevented his attendance. He was promoted from one office in the line to another until he was made High Priest. In 1875, in company with twelve others, he was made a Knight Templar in Old Dominion Commandery No. 11, and in the same year Fredericksburg Commandery No. 1 was instituted. Major Russell became a charter member of the new commandery. He was elected Recorder, which position he held to the day of his death. He was an active, zealous Mason, and faithfully discharged his duties to the craft.

For many years he was a consistent member and efficient officer of the Presbyterian Church. He was for thirteen years the valued treasurer of the Ladies' Memorial Association, which position, to the regret of all connected with the association, he resigned some time ago on account of failing health.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Ellen Milligan, of Lexington, Ky., and three children—Mrs. Thomas Anshutz, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Eugene Hildreth, of Ohio county, W. Va., and Mr. D. S. Russell, of this city.

The funeral, which will be with Masonic honors, will be held at the Presbyterian Church this evening at 8 o'clock, after which the remains will be interred in the City Cemetery.

Louis Sammons, a negro, confessed to complicity in the assault upon Mrs. Oglethorpe at Saff 14, Ga., and was lynched.

A grain elevator with contents destroyed by fire in Toledo, O., entailed a loss of one million.

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